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- 1. Amendment and Response to Restriction/Election Requirement (2 pages);
- 2. Appendix A (1 page);
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- 4. Petition for One-Month Extension of Time (1 page); and
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO

RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the present Amendment into the above-referenced case:

In the claims

Please amend claim 22 as indicated in the attached Appendix A ("Version With Markings to Show Changes Made"). A copy of the amended claim, in the form it will take after entrance of this Amendment, is presented below:

A,

22. The method of claim 1, where the accumulated selenium is in the form of Semethylselenocysteine.

Furthermore, in response to the January 8, 2002 Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-7, 9, 22 and 48, drawn to "a method for producing a plant with significant concentration of selenium in the edible portions, wherein the plant is incorporated into a processed food".